

Institutional Profile for South College

Background South College began as Knoxville Business College in 1882. In October 2001 the institution was renamed to its current name. The institution offers over 60 certificate and degree programs both in-person and via distance education.

Institutional Control Private, for-profit institution.

Institutional Accreditation The institution is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) Commission on Colleges. The accreditor originally granted candidacy in December 2000. More recently accreditation was reaffirmed in 2015. SACS accreditation normally extends for 10 years; however, the institution merged the Asheville, North Carolina campus as a learning site. Therefore, the SACS considered South College a new institution requiring re-evaluation. As a new Institution, accreditation may only be granted for five years with the re-evaluation having occurred in March of this year. The next reaffirmation of accreditation to be decided in December will extend for a decade.

In September 2018, the Commission on Collegiate Nursing Education (CCNE) Board of Commissioners granted programmatic accreditation for the Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Nursing and Master of Science (M.S.) in Nursing.

Participation in NC-SARA South College has been a State Authorization Reciprocity Agreement (SARA) Institutional Partner since August 2015.

Participation in Student Financial Aid Students attending the institution are eligible to receive Title IV Federal Student Aid. The institution does not currently participate in Indiana state financial aid. The institution does participate in financial aid in other states where they currently have a physical presence. For instance, South College participates in Tennessee Hope Scholarship, Tennessee Promise Scholarship, Tennessee Reconnect Scholarship, and Tennessee Assistance Grant Program.

Campuses The SACS accredits the main South College at Knoxville, Tennessee. In addition, SACS accredits learning sites at Atlanta, Georgia; Asheville, North Carolina; Knoxville (different from main), Tennessee; and Nashville, Tennessee.

Enrollment The National Center for Education Statistics (NCES) lists a total enrollment of 2,843 students in the fall of 2019 at South College at Knoxville, Tennessee.

Programs The institution offers programs at the certificate, associate's, baccalaureate, master's, education specialist, and doctoral levels. Programs offered at various campuses range from a Certificate in Medical Assisting, Associate of Science (A.S.) in Diagnostic Medical Sonography, Bachelor of Science in Nursing (B.S.N.), Master of Health Science in Physician Assistant, to a Doctor of Pharmacy. The institution also offers programs in non-health related fields such as an A.S. in Paralegal Studies and a B.S. in Legal Studies.

Financial Responsibility Composite Score (FRCS) In Fiscal Year (FY) ending September 30, 2018, the institution had a published FRCS of 1.6.